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A Trip to Niagara Falls.

It has been a most glorious day at Niagara Falls, and I should like to tell you of some of the places of interest one sees while spending a day or two there.

The ride of twenty-two miles from Buffalo to Niagara City is a very pleasant one. The country on one side is covered with well planned and cultivated fields, and on the other Niagara River lays as cool and calm as a May morning. It takes one hour to run from the public square in Buffalo to Prospect Park in Niagara City. You have about two minutes' walk from the car to a point that overlooks the American falls. I think one feels a degree of disappointment when they first view the falls. I am sure I did when I was here two years ago, but the more you see of it the more wonderful it becomes. We were then driven to Goat and the Three Sister Islands. Goat Island is a most characteristic piece of land, entirely surrounded by water that rolls and tumbles as if it was eager to destroy you. We went from these islands into Canada. Of course the most magnificent view of the falls is obtained from there, as one is directly opposite them. It seems rather strange to see people carrying umbrellas and the sun shining brightly, but the spray soon saturate one's clothing and it makes you very cold.

Half the people who visit here seem to think the Gorge route far grander than the falls. At any rate one is whirled through a marvelous piece of nature's art by this trip. The first point of interest reached by this route is Black's monument. This piece of masonry marks the battle grounds in which Gen. Black was killed. The structure is 190 feet high and can be seen fourteen miles away. Below it is the river with Queenston at one's feet and Lewiston on the opposite side.

After leaving Black's monument we cross the river on the suspension bridge into America again. The first stop on this side is the Devil's Hole. From the station a path ascends to the Glen. The Devil's Pulpit, the scene of the British massacre in 1763, overhangs the gorge. A little further on we pass Onglira Park and arrive at the Whirlpool. Above this pool we come to the rushing waters of the Whirlpool Rapids tumbling and roaring downward with irresistible force and grandeur. They increase in fury as we proceed up stream reaching a climax near the Rapids Station. Leaving this place the car passes the steel arch bridge and climbs the bank to the top. At the car sheds we pass the spot where Biondini performed the famous feat on a rope stretched across the gorge in 1859. From here we return to Prospect Park. At this time of year the shrubs and trees are at their prettiest above the slope from the river to the top of the hill.

One should never come away from Niagara until they have visited the Burning Spring. To me this is the most marvelous thing to be seen here. It consists of a jet of natural gas which bubbles up through the water from a crevice in the limestone beneath. The air can be ignited from four to six feet away from the spring. We drank a little of the water which tastes very much the same as any other, and our guide held the glasses over the flame after the water was thrown out and they became a solid mass of flames, showing the presence of gas very forcibly. There are a great many things to be seen, but this takes in the most important.

Niagara Falls is very beautiful, but after all, one tires of it and longs for the dear old hills of Missouri.

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Another extensive line of frauds in the government service has been discovered in the marking of the weight of whisky barrels by government gaugers. Some two years ago a Philadelphia saloonkeeper, after emptying a barrel of whisky, noticed that the weight of the barrel, as stamped on it by the government gauger, was seventy pounds. He had the curiosity to weigh it and found that it actually weighed eighty-two pounds. He realized that he had paid for twelve

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pounds of whisky he had not received—a gallon and a half. He investigated further and found he had been swindled out of several hundred gallons of whisky in this way. He reported the matter to Washington and an investigation was instituted which resulted in showing that this practice of undermarking barrels was widespread.

It is reported that the saloonkeepers in every large city in the country have been paying for thousands of gallons of whisky that they did not get, on account of this fraud, and that it has caused a loss of millions of dollars to retail liquor dealers in Chicago, New York, Philadelphia, Boston, Pittsburgh, Buffalo, Cleveland, Cincinnati, St. Louis and other cities. Presumably the same system has been followed in smaller places. As a result of the investigation four gaugers have been suspended indefinitely at Philadelphia. They are J. J. Mack, William L. Medora, Raymond Jones and R. L. Sheridan, who all protest that they are entirely innocent of any intention of wrongdoing, but seems incredible that any such false marking could be accidental, and the effect of it shows a motive.

Coming on the heels of the revelations of fraud in the Postal Department, the Treasury Department, the Agricultural Department and the War Department, this exposure confirms the belief that the whole governmental service is permeated by fraud and rascality. But the parties punished here, as in the other cases, are the small fry. It would be more to the point if some of the big fish, who are responsible for such frauds and who get the benefit of them, should be brought to punishment.—Indianapolis State Sentinel.

Suicide Prevented.

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a catchy meter and a jagged tune—it soon peters out. Now—There are rag-time ideals also—ideals that are false and fleeting. For instance: Note the ideals of a boy, how they change. He begins, possibly, by wanting to be a fireman or a policeman. Then he sees the glitter of the circus. His highest ideal is to wear spangles or jump through a hoop. And so on.

Rag-time ideals. Men, too, indulge in rag-time ideals. A man wants an office. He gets it. He is not satisfied. He wants money. He gets it. He learns that there are many things more important in life than money. But—The true song never dies. The real ideals never disappoint. The real song, the song that voices and reaches the best and deepest and highest that is in us, will always be sung. The true ideal will always lead to satisfaction, and happiness, and peace. We ought to be able to make "life and that vast eternity one grand, sweet song." We would—if we were not always taking up with rag-time ideals.—St. Louis Chronicle.

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"Government by injunction" flourishes in Manila under the American regime. The sentence to six months' imprisonment of a labor leader for contempt of court, for publishing a labor paper the publication of which had been suspended by order of the court, was the first newspaper news to come over the Pacific cable, just completed, between the Philippines and the imperial republic of which their inhabitants are restless subjects. Why "government by injunction" should have been adopted under there is not quite clear. More autocratic and summary methods are certainly available. Possibly, however, the American official prefer forms of tyranny that have become familiar at home and are therefore less likely to shock the American goddess of Liberty.—The Public.

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A substance known as "wood silk" is the latest invention of an Englishman. Consul John E. Kohl, at Stettin, recently sent an interesting report on the subject to the State Department. The Washington correspondent for the Chicago Chronicle gives the report that came from Consul Kohl, who, in describing the new invention, said: "The sample shown me was very soft and of a cream color. Each thread is made up of eighteen single strands. A single strand is hardly perceptible to the naked eye. As to relative strength of a real silk thread and this imitation the real silk is two-thirds stronger. It is said to take coloring or dyeing readily and when woven into pieces has the appearance of real silk. Wood silk seems to have a great demand. I was told that within the last ten days the price jumped from \$3.80 to \$6.81 per pound. How this new artificial article compares with the genuine, in the way of wear and price, I am unable to say. It is impossible to get information here as to the process of manufacture, excepting that no particular kind of wood is required and that the pulp undergoes a chemical process and is pressed through very fine tubes by hydraulic pressure, forming the single strands which go to make up the thread."

A Very Candid Confession.

A Southern newspaper declared: "The lynching of negroes in Illinois and other Northern States is no justification of like acts here at home." While that paper admitted that imitation is the sincerest flattery, it added: "We should restrain our desire to please so far as to refrain from negro lynching just because our brethren up North indulge in that pastime." All of which moves the New York Tribune to say: "The sarcasm is not undeserved, and the serious reflection that while the North loves the negro—at a distance—the South, notwithstanding its political discrimination against him, really understands him and offers him his best opportunities is not without truth." A very candid confession, indeed.

Against Common Reason.

Commenting upon the recent decision delivered by the United States Supreme court in the Hawaiian case, the Springfield, Mass., Republican said: "According to the position of the majority judges, the constitution is wholly without force or effect upon Congress in dealing with any territory or people under the jurisdiction of the United States and not embraced in the regular States of the Union, and an imperial system of colonies or dependencies can be grafted upon the republic, subject to a government as absolute and despotic and arbitrary as that of the czar. To say that this is in harmony with the principles and system of government intended to be established by the constitution of the United States is to violate the dictates of common sense."

Graham Flour and Middlings at Ironton flour mill.

A dispatch from New York gives the refreshing information that Judge Andrew Kirkpatrick, of the United States court of New Jersey, occupies the unique and delicate position of dispensing patronage from the bench to a trust company of which he is president. * * * Judge Kirkpatrick says he sees no impropriety in designating his own company. "Why should he see any impropriety in it? The day is past in the United States when judges are expected to see any impropriety in judicial 'graft.'"—The Public.

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We all remember when Theodore Roosevelt used to be a civil service reformer, slashing gaily around and striking right and left at public officials who were the least derelict in observing the principles and laws of the "merit system." But all this is changed. Mr. Theodore Roosevelt appears to have been a civil service reformer for office only. The National Civil Service Reform League in its last annual report, gives this illustration of his attitude toward reform, now that he is in a position to reform it: "In its last annual report the committee criticised the appointment of James S. Clarkson, notorious as a spoilsman, as surveyor of the Port of New York. Events during the past year have served to show the justness of this criticism. Mr. Clarkson has been reported by the press as a frequent absentee from his office, engaged in political work in other parts of the country; his department has once been the subject of investigation by the civil service commission, while in the only important appointments he has made—those of deputy surveyors—he has requested, and through his insistence has received—in one case by the order of President Roosevelt—permission to ignore the rules governing promotions in the New York custom house."—Indianapolis State Sentinel.

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In 1898 the Republican party declared in the third plank of its platform that "it is due to the labor of the nation that taxation should be equalized and reduced as rapidly as the national faith will permit." In the light of that party's high tariff, standing army and navy building schemes this old plank makes mighty interesting reading at this day and age.—Seneca (Kas.) Courier-Democrat.

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